



## WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA, CUSTOM BIRDING TRIP REPORT

10 – 17 APRIL 2022

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*Cape Sugarbirds showed wonderfully well for us at Cape Point.*

## Overview

This custom eight-day Cape birding tour was put together for Wendy and Karen to try and see as much of the beautiful Cape and its incredible array of bird species as possible. The itinerary we decided on was very similar to our set-departure Best of Cape Town and Beyond Birding Tour however we did not include a Cape pelagic trip and instead spent this day exploring the Cape Peninsula.

This tour took place in April which is not the most productive time of the year for birding in the Cape, as a number of migrants have left by this time and it is also right at the end of the breeding season for most specials, as such some species were not as vocal as during other times of the year. Despite this we still had a wildly successful trip, managing to find almost all of our target birds, with many good laughs had along the way. Some of the standout species included **Grey-winged Francolin**, **South African Shelduck**, **Karoo** and **Southern Black Korhaans**, **Namaqua Sandgrouse**, **Blue Crane**, **African Oystercatcher**, **African Penguin**, **Cape Gannet**, **Cape, Crowned and Bank Cormorants**, **Ground Woodpecker**, **Cape Rockjumper**, **Fairy Flycatcher**, **Grey Tit**, **Cape Penduline Tit**, **Spike-heeled**, **Karoo Long-billed**, **Cape Long-billed**, **Karoo, Cape Clapper** and **Large-billed Larks**, **Victorin's**, **Namaqua**, **Rufous-eared**, **Cinnamon-breasted** and **Layard's Warblers**, **Karoo Eremomela**, **Karoo Thrush**, **Sickle-winged**, **Karoo and Tractrac Chats**, **Orange-breasted** and **Dusky Sunbirds** and **Cape Siskin**.

Further to the above specials, we also managed to find two very rare birds in the form of a national rarity **Gull-billed Tern** and **Red-breasted Swallow** (a first record for the Western Cape Province) which sent twitchers rushing around the Cape area.



*The striking male Southern Black Korhaan.*

### Detailed Report

#### **Day 1, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Arrival in Cape Town**

Wendy and Karen only arrived late in the evening at Cape Town airport, so unfortunately there was no time for birding today. I met them at international arrivals and transferred them to their beautifully set accommodation in the leafy suburb of Newlands, although the true beauty of the place would only be discovered the following morning, when the rising sun lit up Table Mountain.

#### **Day 2, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Cape Peninsula birding**

We had a slightly later breakfast (after Wendy and Karen's late arrival last night) and then made our way south down the Cape Peninsula with our first stop being at Boulders Beach in Simon's Town where we visited the penguin colony. The **African Penguins** soon obliged and gave us lovely views as they went about their morning routine. They are always a crowd favorite, and we spent a while watching them here. Other nice birds in the gardens nearby included **Cape Bulbul**, **Southern Double-collared Sunbird** and **Karoo Prinia** with **African Oystercatchers** seen feeding on the rocky shores nearby.



*African Penguins are always fun to watch.*

From Simon's Town we kept heading south and made our way to Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve (forming part of the Table Mountain National Park) and soon after entering the reserve we came across a large number of nectarivores feeding on protea flowers which included a number of showy **Cape Sugarbirds** as well as **Orange-breasted**, **Malachite** and **Southern Double-**

collared Sunbirds, with **Black Saw-wing**, **Yellow Bishop**, **Cape Grassbird**, **Cape Siskin** and **Cape Bunting** seen in the surrounding fynbos vegetation. We then birded around Cape Point and enjoyed the dramatic views out over the ocean. The birding was a little slow here, but we did see **Grey-backed Cisticola**, **Karoo Prinia**, **Fiscal Flycatcher**, **Familiar Chat**, **Cape White-eye**, **White-necked Raven** and more **Cape Siskins**. We enjoyed an early lunch, while keeping an eye out for cheeky **Chacma Baboons**, before taking a drive to Cape of Good Hope. On the drive we saw another troop of **Chacma Baboons** as well as **Bontebok** and the massive **Common Eland**. At Cape of Good Hope, we found large numbers of **Cape**, **White-breasted** and **Crowned Cormorants**. Unfortunately, we could not find any (Cape) Mountain Zebras today however the good numbers of prehistoric-looking **Common Ostriches** kept us entertained.

At Olifantsbos Beach we saw good numbers of shorebirds/waders including **White-fronted**, **Kittlitz's** and **Common Ringed Plovers**, **Sanderling** and **Ruddy Turnstone** as well as a few **Plain-backed Pipits** feeding around the washed-up kelp.

In the early afternoon we made our way back north up the Cape Peninsula where we birded the locally famous Strandfontein Sewage Works (part of the Table Bay Nature Reserve) which, as always, was full of bird activity. We spent a couple of hours driving around the various wetlands and settling ponds and added an assortment of waterbirds such as **White-faced Whistling**, **Fulvous Whistling** (a somewhat rare bird in these parts however this season they have shown up in good numbers), **Yellow-billed** and **Maccoa Ducks**, **Cape Shoveler**, **Red-billed** and **Cape Teals**, **Southern Pochard**, **African Swamphen**, **Red-knobbed Coot**, **Little** and **Black-necked Grebes**, **Greater** and **Lesser Flamingos**, **Black-winged Stilt**, **Pied Avocet**, **Kelp**, **Hartlaub's** and **Grey-headed Gulls**, **Greater Crested Tern**, **Glossy Ibis**, **Grey**, **Black-headed** and **Purple Herons** and **African Darter**. In the nearby scrub and reedbeds we had **Cape Spurfowl**, **Black-winged Kite**, **African Marsh Harrier**, **Rock Kestrel** and **Spotted Thick-knee**.



*There is always an assortment of waterbirds at Strandfontein Sewage Works.*

After a busy first day of birding, we headed back for dinner and then called it an evening, with an early start on the cards for the following morning.

### Day 3, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Mountain fynbos birding around Betty's Bay

With a pre-dawn pickup we decided to try for some nearby African Wood Owls however we were probably just a little too late for the owls but did manage good perched views of an **African Goshawk**, a bird which can be tricky on this itinerary. We then headed east out of Cape Town with our next birding stop at Sir Lowry's Pass where we had a pair of incredibly obliging **Victorin's Warblers** which showed well for us and required almost no effort to see. This species normally skulks low down in fynbos vegetation and it was a pleasure to see these birds so well.

From here we made our way along the northeastern edge of False Bay towards the small coastal town of Rooi Els where **Cape Rockjumper** was top of the agenda. We slowly walked along the edge of a rocky mountain slope and soon heard the calls of the rockjumpers. It took some scanning but we eventually got good views of **Cape Rockjumper** and then within a few minutes we also saw three **Ground Woodpeckers** and a pair of **Cape Rock Thrushes**. Other common birds included **Neddicky**, **Grey-backed Cisticola**, **Orange-breasted Sunbird** and **Cape Weaver**. We had a quick scan out to sea which did not produce much except a couple of **Cape Gannets** and a distant school of **Common Dolphins**.

Next stop was the Stony Point penguin colony in Betty's Bay where the **African Penguins** were out in full force and showed well for us, as well as **Bank**, **Cape**, **Crowned** and **White-breasted Cormorants**. Once we had had our fill of penguins, we made our way around the corner to Harold Porter Botanical Garden where we enjoyed a picnic lunch (again being wary of nearby **Chacma Baboons**) and then spent a productive couple of hours wandering around the garden. We had some great birds here including the likes of **African Olive Pigeon**, **Jackal Buzzard**, **Olive Woodpecker**, **Cape Batis**, **Southern Boubou**, **Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher**, **Sombre Greenbul**, **Bar-throated Apalis**, **Olive Thrush**, **Amethyst Sunbird**, **Southern Grey-headed Sparrow**, **Sweet Waxbill**, **Brimstone** and **Cape Canaries** and **Streaky-headed Seedeater**.

We then made our way back towards Cape Town, stopping off at a wetland near Somerset West which added **Intermediate Egret**, **Grey-headed Gull**, **Greater Striped** and **White-throated Swallows**, **Little Swift**, **Red-faced Mousebird** and **Fork-tailed Drongo**. From here we headed back to our accommodation and enjoyed another lovely dinner after a thoroughly productive day's birding.

### Day 4, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022. West Coast birding and transfer to Langebaan

We had an even earlier start this morning as we went around the corner to a favored spot of a pair of **African Wood Owls** which eventually showed well for us. Other good birds seen as the sun rose included **African Dusky Flycatcher**, **Common Chaffinch** and **Black Sparrowhawk**. From here we headed out of Cape Town and made our way up the west coast with our first birding stop being at a small pan which, despite the thick mist, gave us nice views of an **African Snipe**. We carried on making our way north and birded the Darling Hills Road where we had some good farmland and strandveld birding, adding good birds such as **Blue Crane**, **Southern Black Korhaan**, **Crowned Lapwing**, **Bokmakierie**, **Red-capped Lark**, **Pearl-breasted Swallow**, **Pied Starling**, **Capped Wheatear** and **African Pipit**.

Our next stop was Tienie Versveld Wildflower Reserve where it did not take long to find our targets, with **Cloud Cisticola** and **Cape Longclaw** showing really nicely. From here we moved a bit further north and entered West Coast National Park which offers some fantastic strandveld birding. The park is probably best known for its shorebird/wader watching, which is done from a number of well-placed bird hides/blinds, located along the edge of the Langebaan lagoon.



*Blue Crane – South Africa's national bird.*

We first stopped at Abrahamskraal Bird Hide which was fairly quiet, but we did see some nice birds such as **Cape Shoveler**, **Cape Teal**, **Black Crake** and **African Swamphen**. We heard an **African Rail** but it would remain unseen. In the vicinity we saw **White-backed Mousebird**, **Yellow Canary**, **Rock Kestrel**, and a **Black Harrier** as it went about hunting low over the vegetation — surely one of our most strikingly patterned raptors. We drove around the park and birded the strandveld where we bumped into a group of tiny **Cape Penduline Tits** which showed well for us and also had brief views of **Grey-winged Francolins**. We then birded around the Geelbek Manor House which was rather quiet although we did see a **Cardinal Woodpecker**. Unfortunately, the tide times were wrong for us today and so we did not spend much time looking for shorebirds/waders from the Geelbek Bird Hide.

In the late afternoon we moved round to the Seeberg Bird Hide which was full of birds and we worked through the various shorebirds/waders and tern roost and added **Grey**, **White-fronted** and **Common Ringed Plovers** and **Caspian**, **Greater Crested**, **Sandwich**, **Common** and **Little Terns**. We also had an incredibly showy **Rock Kestrel** which gave us incredible close-up views and a flyover **Western Osprey**.

We ended the day in Langebaan, where we were staying for the night, with a **Black Sparrowhawk** shooting by as we were busy with the evening's list session.



*This **Rock Kestrel** allowed us superb up-close views.*

### **Day 5, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022. West Coast birding and transfer to Tankwa Karoo**

We birded some nearby strandveld before breakfast which despite the gloomy weather did produce some nice target species. We had to work hard but eventually had good views of **Karoo** and **Cape Long-billed Larks**, **Grey-winged Francolin**, **Southern Black Korhaan**, **Long-billed Crombec** and **Karoo Scrub Robin**. We then went back to our accommodation for a delicious breakfast before we packed the car and headed out of town. Just before we left town, we had a beautiful sighting of a pair of **Verreaux's Eagles**.

We made our way to some farmlands near the town of Vredenburg which are normally really productive and today was no different. We quickly found a very showy pair of **Grey Tits** which were soon followed by **Sickle-winged** and **Ant-eating Chats**, **Large-billed** and **Cape Long-billed Larks** and **White-throated Canary**. A pair of **South African Shelduck** was a welcome surprise at a drinking trough.

From the farmlands we carried on further north to some salt works in Velddrif where we worked through the shorebirds and terns. We found large numbers of **Chestnut-banded Plovers**, **Little Stints** and **Curlew Sandpipers**, as well as the (essentially resident) **Red-necked Phalaropes** which have been in the area for years now. While enjoying our lunch we then turned our attention to the small tern roost where we picked out **Greater Crested**, **Sandwich**, **Caspian** and **GULL-BILLED Terns!** The **Gull-billed Tern** is a national rarity and was an incredibly exciting find that soon had twitchers shooting through from Cape Town and showed unpredictably for twitchers over the next few days.



*The vagrant **Gull-billed Tern** alongside a **Caspian Tern**.*

After the excitement of the tern, we left the salt works and started the long drive inland to the Tankwa Karoo. Along the drive we found **African Stonechat**, **Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark** and, as we entered the Tankwa Karoo, we saw **Karoo Chat** and a flock of **Pale-winged Starlings** to end another fantastic day of birding.

### **Day 6, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Tankwa Karoo birding**

We woke up early this morning with the exciting prospect of a full day to bird the Tankwa Karoo and track down as many of our target species as possible. We started the morning off by heading to a patch of mountain fynbos which yielded a pair of **Cape Clapper Larks** before we made our way into the plains where we soon found new birds in the form of **Rufous-eared Warbler**, **Tractrac Chat**, **Spike-heeled Lark** and **Karoo Eremomela**. As we came back to our accommodation for a lovely breakfast, we had a three **Verreaux's Eagles** circling low above our heads – one can never tire of these majestic raptors.

After breakfast we headed back out with our first stop being at a tiny patch of acacia trees which yielded **Yellow-bellied Eremomela**, **Namaqua** and **Chestnut-vented Warblers**, **Fairy Flycatcher** and **Pirit Batis**. From here we headed north towards the Tankwa Karoo National Park and found **Common Ostrich**, **Tractrac** and **Karoo Chats**, **Namaqua Sandgrouse** and a couple of groups of **Karoo Korhaans** which showed beautifully for us. We had our lunch in the shade of a dry acacia-lined riverbed where we enjoyed the likes of **Three-banded Plover**, **Dusky Sunbird**, **Pirit Batis** and **Karoo Thrush**. After our lunch we made one more stop to look for **Karoo Long-billed Lark** (which eventually showed just as we were about to give up) before taking the long road back towards our accommodation.





*We had multiple sightings of **Karoo Korhaan** in the Tankwa Karoo.*

We birded the nearby Skitterykloof in the late afternoon in the hopes of finding Cinnamon-breasted and Layard's Warblers however they did not oblige and would have to wait until tomorrow. We did however see a number of attractive **Mountain Wheatears**. After another enjoyable dinner, we took a night drive which unfortunately did not produce much of interest besides a **Scrub Hare**.

### **Day 7, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Tankwa Karoo to Cape Town**

We awoke very early this morning and took a drive through the Katbakkies Pass and beyond. We had hoped to perhaps bump into the mythical (Cape Mountain) Leopard or a nightjar or two, but things were very quiet, however we did enjoy a fantastic sunrise. Once back at Skitterykloof we very easily found **Cinnamon-breasted Warbler**, right as the sun rose, and then also saw a co-operative **Layard's Warbler** too. We enjoyed our late-morning breakfast before packing our bags and slowly making our way out of the Tankwa Karoo and heading back towards Cape Town. As we were leaving the arid plains, we managed to find a couple of **Pale Chanting Goshawks** which we had strangely not yet seen. We also made a stop off in Ceres where we found a showy **Giant Kingfisher**.

We had yet to find Protea Canary and so spent time searching at Michell's Pass and also at Dutoitskloof Pass, where we enjoyed our lunch but despite our best efforts the birds would not show today and we had to accept defeat with this tough Cape endemic.

Once back in Cape Town we dropped our bags off and immediately made our way out again and headed to the Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden where we spent the remainder of the afternoon. We spent a good couple of hours walking around the gorgeous garden, with Table Mountain serving as a spectacular backdrop. Interesting birds while wandering around here included **African Goshawk**, **African Dusky Flycatcher**, **Cape Bulbul**, **Orange-breasted**, **Malachite** and

**Southern Double-collared Sunbirds, Sombre Greenbul and Forest Canary.** We then enjoyed our final dinner of the trip before heading to bed after yet another successful day out.

### **Day 8, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Cape Town birding and tour conclusion**

For our last day of the tour, we spent the day around Cape Town targeting any species we were still missing. We started the day along the Liesbeek River where we soon found **African Black Duck** and **Little Rush Warbler**. We then headed back to the Strandfontein Sewage Works, which offers fantastic photographic opportunities in the early morning, where we spent the next couple of hours chasing our targets. We soon found the likes of **Blue-billed Teal, Maccoa Duck, Spotted Eagle-Owl, Pied Kingfisher, Peregrine Falcon** and **Zitting Cisticola**. During our time here we also came cross **Fulvous Whistling Duck, South African Shelduck, Three-banded Plover, Great White Pelican, Black Sparrowhawk** and **African Marsh Harrier**.

From here we went to Rondevlei Nature Reserve which is right next door to the sewage works. The birding was rather quiet here, but we did manage to see **Red-faced Mousebird, Fiscal Flycatcher** and **Karoo Prinia**, however the very low water levels meant we did not record many waterbirds. Next stop was a small wetland where we quickly found roosting **Water Thick-knees** before we popped into Dolphin Beach Pans which had **African Palm Swift** (a recent colonist of the greater Cape Town area) and **Acacia Pied Barbet**.

Our last stop for the tour was Rietvlei Nature Reserve where almost immediately we found a **Red-breasted Swallow** which is a mega rare bird in the Cape and represented a first record for the Western Cape Province. Within 30 minutes, the first twitchers had arrived on the scene and the bird would remain in the area over the next couple of days. Other good birds here included **Intermediate Egret, White-backed Duck** and **Pin-tailed Whydah**. We then headed to the waterfront where I dropped off Wendy and Karen after what had been an extremely successful week of Cape birding. Thank you, Wendy and Karen, for a great trip!



*Probably the first **Red-breasted Swallow** to feature in a Cape birding trip report!*

**Bird List - Following IOC (12.1)**

Birds 'heard only' are marked with (H) after the common name, all other species were seen.

The following notation after species names is used to show conservation status following BirdLife International: EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable.

| Common Name                                 | Scientific Name                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Ostriches (Struthionidae)</b>            |                                |
| Common Ostrich                              | <i>Struthio camelus</i>        |
| <b>Ducks, Geese, Swans (Anatidae)</b>       |                                |
| White-faced Whistling Duck                  | <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>     |
| Fulvous Whistling Duck                      | <i>Dendrocygna bicolor</i>     |
| White-backed Duck                           | <i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i> |
| Spur-winged Goose                           | <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i> |
| Knob-billed Duck                            | <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>  |
| Egyptian Goose                              | <i>Alopochen aegyptiaca</i>    |
| South African Shelduck                      | <i>Tadorna cana</i>            |
| Blue-billed Teal                            | <i>Spatula hottentota</i>      |
| Cape Shoveler                               | <i>Spatula smithii</i>         |
| African Black Duck                          | <i>Anas sparsa</i>             |
| Yellow-billed Duck                          | <i>Anas undulata</i>           |
| Cape Teal                                   | <i>Anas capensis</i>           |
| Red-billed Teal                             | <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>     |
| Southern Pochard                            | <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>   |
| Maccoa Duck - VU                            | <i>Oxyura maccoa</i>           |
| <b>Guineafowl (Numididae)</b>               |                                |
| Helmeted Guineafowl                         | <i>Numida meleagris</i>        |
| <b>Pheasants &amp; Allies (Phasianidae)</b> |                                |
| Grey-winged Francolin                       | <i>Scleroptila afra</i>        |
| Cape Spurfowl                               | <i>Pternistis capensis</i>     |
| <b>Swifts (Apodidae)</b>                    |                                |
| African Palm Swift                          | <i>Cypsiurus parvus</i>        |
| Little Swift                                | <i>Apus affinis</i>            |
| White-rumped Swift                          | <i>Apus caffer</i>             |
| <b>Bustards (Otididae)</b>                  |                                |
| Karoo Korhaan                               | <i>Eupodotis vigorsii</i>      |

| Common Name                                    | Scientific Name                   |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Southern Black Korhaan - VU                    | <i>Afrotis afra</i>               |
| <b>Sandgrouse (Pteroclididae)</b>              |                                   |
| Namaqua Sandgrouse                             | <i>Pterocles namaqua</i>          |
| <b>Pigeons, Doves (Columbidae)</b>             |                                   |
| Rock Dove                                      | <i>Columba livia</i>              |
| Speckled Pigeon                                | <i>Columba guinea</i>             |
| African Olive Pigeon                           | <i>Columba arquatrix</i>          |
| Red-eyed Dove                                  | <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>  |
| Ring-necked Dove                               | <i>Streptopelia capicola</i>      |
| Laughing Dove                                  | <i>Spilopelia senegalensis</i>    |
| <b>Rails, Crakes &amp; Coots (Rallidae)</b>    |                                   |
| Common Moorhen                                 | <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>        |
| Red-knobbed Coot                               | <i>Fulica cristata</i>            |
| African Swamphe                                | <i>Porphyrio madagascariensis</i> |
| Black Crake                                    | <i>Zapornia flavirostra</i>       |
| African Rail (H)                               | <i>Rallus caerulescens</i>        |
| <b>Cranes (Gruidae)</b>                        |                                   |
| Blue Crane - VU                                | <i>Grus paradisea</i>             |
| <b>Grebes (Podicipedidae)</b>                  |                                   |
| Little Grebe                                   | <i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>     |
| Great Crested Grebe                            | <i>Podiceps cristatus</i>         |
| Black-necked Grebe                             | <i>Podiceps nigricollis</i>       |
| <b>Flamingos (Phoenicopteridae)</b>            |                                   |
| Greater Flamingo                               | <i>Phoenicopterus roseus</i>      |
| Lesser Flamingo                                | <i>Phoeniconaias minor</i>        |
| <b>Stone-curlews, Thick-knees (Burhinidae)</b> |                                   |
| Water Thick-knee                               | <i>Burhinus vermiculatus</i>      |
| Spotted Thick-knee                             | <i>Burhinus capensis</i>          |
| <b>Oystercatchers (Haematopodidae)</b>         |                                   |
| African Oystercatcher                          | <i>Haematopus moquini</i>         |
| <b>Stilts, Avocets (Recurvirostridae)</b>      |                                   |
| Black-winged Stilt                             | <i>Himantopus himantopus</i>      |
| Pied Avocet                                    | <i>Recurvirostra avosetta</i>     |
| <b>Plovers (Charadriidae)</b>                  |                                   |
| Blacksmith Lapwing                             | <i>Vanellus armatus</i>           |

| <b>Common Name</b>                           | <b>Scientific Name</b>               |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Crowned Lapwing                              | <i>Vanellus coronatus</i>            |
| Grey Plover                                  | <i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>          |
| Common Ringed Plover                         | <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>          |
| Kittlitz's Plover                            | <i>Charadrius pecuarius</i>          |
| Three-banded Plover                          | <i>Charadrius tricollaris</i>        |
| White-fronted Plover                         | <i>Charadrius marginatus</i>         |
| Chestnut-banded Plover                       | <i>Charadrius pallidus</i>           |
| <b>Sandpipers, Snipes (Scolopacidae)</b>     |                                      |
| Eurasian Whimbrel                            | <i>Numenius phaeopus</i>             |
| Ruddy Turnstone                              | <i>Arenaria interpres</i>            |
| Ruff   | <i>Calidris pugnax</i>               |
| Curlew Sandpiper                             | <i>Calidris ferruginea</i>           |
| Sanderling                                   | <i>Calidris alba</i>                 |
| Little Stint                                 | <i>Calidris minuta</i>               |
| African Snipe                                | <i>Gallinago nigripennis</i>         |
| Red-necked Phalarope                         | <i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>            |
| <b>Gulls, Terns, Skimmers (Laridae)</b>      |                                      |
| Grey-headed Gull                             | <i>Chroicocephalus cirrocephalus</i> |
| Hartlaub's Gull                              | <i>Chroicocephalus hartlaubii</i>    |
| Kelp Gull                                    | <i>Larus dominicanus</i>             |
| Gull-billed Tern                             | <i>Gelochelidon nilotica</i>         |
| Caspian Tern                                 | <i>Hydroprogne caspia</i>            |
| Greater Crested Tern                         | <i>Thalasseus bergii</i>             |
| Sandwich Tern                                | <i>Thalasseus sandvicensis</i>       |
| Little Tern                                  | <i>Sternula albifrons</i>            |
| Common Tern                                  | <i>Sterna hirundo</i>                |
| <b>Penguins (Spheniscidae)</b>               |                                      |
| African Penguin - EN                         | <i>Spheniscus demersus</i>           |
| <b>Gannets, Boobies (Sulidae)</b>            |                                      |
| Cape Gannet - EN                             | <i>Morus capensis</i>                |
| <b>Anhingas, Darters (Anhingidae)</b>        |                                      |
| African Darter                               | <i>Anhinga rufa</i>                  |
| <b>Cormorants, Shags (Phalacrocoracidae)</b> |                                      |
| Reed Cormorant                               | <i>Microcarbo africanus</i>          |
| Crowned Cormorant                            | <i>Microcarbo coronatus</i>          |
| Bank Cormorant - EN                          | <i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i>       |
| Cape Cormorant - EN                          | <i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i>        |

| Common Name                                   | Scientific Name                 |
|---|---------------------------------|
| White-breasted Cormorant                      | <i>Phalacrocorax lucidus</i>    |
| <b>Ibises, Spoonbills (Threskiornithidae)</b> |                                 |
| African Sacred Ibis                           | <i>Threskiornis aethiopicus</i> |
| Hadada Ibis                                   | <i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>      |
| Glossy Ibis                                   | <i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>     |
| African Spoonbill                             | <i>Platalea alba</i>            |
| <b>Hérons, Bitterns (Ardeidae)</b>            |                                 |
| Western Cattle Egret                          | <i>Bubulcus ibis</i>            |
| Grey Heron                                    | <i>Ardea cinerea</i>            |
| Black-headed Heron                            | <i>Ardea melanocephala</i>      |
| Purple Heron                                  | <i>Ardea purpurea</i>           |
| Intermediate Egret                            | <i>Ardea intermedia</i>         |
| Little Egret                                  | <i>Egretta garzetta</i>         |
| <b>Pelicans (Pelecanidae)</b>                 |                                 |
| Great White Pelican                           | <i>Pelecanus onocrotalus</i>    |
| <b>Ospreys (Pandionidae)</b>                  |                                 |
| Western Osprey                                | <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>        |
| <b>Kites, Hawks, Eagles (Accipitridae)</b>    |                                 |
| Black-winged Kite                             | <i>Elanus caeruleus</i>         |
| Verreaux's Eagle                              | <i>Aquila verreauxii</i>        |
| Pale Chanting Goshawk                         | <i>Melierax canorus</i>         |
| African Goshawk                               | <i>Accipiter tachiro</i>        |
| Black Sparrowhawk                             | <i>Accipiter melanoleucus</i>   |
| African Marsh Harrier                         | <i>Circus ranivorus</i>         |
| Black Harrier - EN                            | <i>Circus maurus</i>            |
| Jackal Buzzard                                | <i>Buteo rufofuscus</i>         |
| <b>Owls (Strigidae)</b>                       |                                 |
| Spotted Eagle-Owl                             | <i>Bubo africanus</i>           |
| African Wood Owl                              | <i>Strix woodfordii</i>         |
| <b>Mousebirds (Coliidae)</b>                  |                                 |
| Speckled Mousebird                            | <i>Colius striatus</i>          |
| White-backed Mousebird                        | <i>Colius colius</i>            |
| Red-faced Mousebird                           | <i>Urocolius indicus</i>        |
| <b>Kingfishers (Alcedinidae)</b>              |                                 |
| Malachite Kingfisher                          | <i>Corythornis cristatus</i>    |
| Giant Kingfisher                              | <i>Megaceryle maxima</i>        |

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| Pied Kingfisher                              | <i>Ceryle rudis</i>               |
| <b>African Barbets (Lybiidae)</b>            |                                   |
| Acacia Pied Barbet                           | <i>Tricholaema leucomelas</i>     |
| <b>Woodpeckers (Picidae)</b>                 |                                   |
| Ground Woodpecker                            | <i>Geocolaptes olivaceus</i>      |
| Cardinal Woodpecker                          | <i>Dendropicos fuscescens</i>     |
| Olive Woodpecker                             | <i>Dendropicos griseocephalus</i> |
| <b>Caracaras, Falcons (Falconidae)</b>       |                                   |
| Rock Kestrel                                 | <i>Falco rupicolus</i>            |
| Peregrine Falcon                             | <i>Falco peregrinus</i>           |
| <b>Wattle-eyes, Batises (Platysteiridae)</b> |                                   |
| Cape Batis                                   | <i>Batis capensis</i>             |
| Pirit Batis                                  | <i>Batis pririt</i>               |
| <b>Bushshrikes (Malaconotidae)</b>           |                                   |
| Bokmakierie                                  | <i>Telophorus zeylonus</i>        |
| Southern Boubou                              | <i>Laniarius ferrugineus</i>      |
| <b>Shrikes (Laniidae)</b>                    |                                   |
| Southern Fiscal                              | <i>Lanius collaris</i>            |
| <b>Drongos (Dicruridae)</b>                  |                                   |
| Fork-tailed Drongo                           | <i>Dicrurus adsimilis</i>         |
| <b>Monarchs (Monarchidae)</b>                |                                   |
| Blue-mantled Crested Flycatcher              | <i>Trochocercus cyanomelas</i>    |
| <b>Crows, Jays (Corvidae)</b>                |                                   |
| Pied Crow                                    | <i>Corvus albus</i>               |
| White-necked Raven                           | <i>Corvus albicollis</i>          |
| <b>Rockjumpers (Chaetopidae)</b>             |                                   |
| Cape Rockjumper                              | <i>Chaetops frenatus</i>          |
| <b>Tits, Chickadees (Paridae)</b>            |                                   |
| Grey Tit                                     | <i>Melaniparus afer</i>           |
| <b>Penduline Tits (Remizidae)</b>            |                                   |
| Cape Penduline Tit                           | <i>Anthoscopus minutus</i>        |

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| <b>Larks (Alaudidae)</b>                           |                                    |
| Spike-heeled Lark                                  | <i>Chersomanes albofasciata</i>    |
| Karoo Long-billed Lark                             | <i>Certhilauda subcoronata</i>     |
| Cape Long-billed Lark                              | <i>Certhilauda curvirostris</i>    |
| Grey-backed Sparrow-Lark                           | <i>Eremopterix verticalis</i>      |
| Karoo Lark   | <i>Calendulauda albescens</i>      |
| Cape Clapper Lark                                  | <i>Mirafra apiata</i>              |
| Large-billed Lark                                  | <i>Galerida magnirostris</i>       |
| Red-capped Lark                                    | <i>Calandrella cinerea</i>         |
| <b>Bulbuls (Pycnonotidae)</b>                      |                                    |
| Sombre Greenbul                                    | <i>Andropadus importunus</i>       |
| Cape Bulbul  | <i>Pycnonotus capensis</i>         |
| <b>Swallows, Martins (Hirundinidae)</b>            |                                    |
| Black Saw-wing                                     | <i>Psalidoprocne pristoptera</i>   |
| Brown-throated Martin                              | <i>Riparia paludicola</i>          |
| Rock Martin  | <i>Ptyonoprogne fuligula</i>       |
| Pearl-breasted Swallow                             | <i>Hirundo dimidiata</i>           |
| White-throated Swallow                             | <i>Hirundo albigularis</i>         |
| Barn Swallow                                       | <i>Hirundo rustica</i>             |
| Red-breasted Swallow                               | <i>Cecropis semirufa</i>           |
| Greater Striped Swallow                            | <i>Cecropis cucullata</i>          |
| <b>Crombecs, African Warblers (Macrosphenidae)</b> |                                    |
| Cape Grassbird                                     | <i>Sphenoeacus afer</i>            |
| Long-billed Crombec                                | <i>Sylvietta rufescens</i>         |
| Victorin's Warbler                                 | <i>Cryptillas victorini</i>        |
| <b>Reed Warblers &amp; Allies (Acrocephalidae)</b> |                                    |
| Lesser Swamp Warbler                               | <i>Acrocephalus gracilirostris</i> |
| <b>Grassbirds &amp; Allies (Locustellidae)</b>     |                                    |
| Little Rush Warbler                                | <i>Bradypterus baboecala</i>       |
| <b>Cisticolas &amp; Allies (Cisticolidae)</b>      |                                    |
| Grey-backed Cisticola                              | <i>Cisticola subruficapilla</i>    |
| Levaillant's Cisticola                             | <i>Cisticola tinniens</i>          |
| Neddicky   | <i>Cisticola fulvicapilla</i>      |
| Zitting Cisticola                                  | <i>Cisticola juncidis</i>          |
| Cloud Cisticola                                    | <i>Cisticola textrix</i>           |
| Karoo Prinia                                       | <i>Prinia maculosa</i>             |
| Namaqua Warbler                                    | <i>Phragmacia substriata</i>       |
| Bar-throated Apalis                                | <i>Apalis thoracica</i>            |



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| Rufous-eared Warbler                               | <i>Malcorus pectoralis</i>       |
| Cinnamon-breasted Warbler                          | <i>Euryptila subcinnamomea</i>   |
| Yellow-bellied Eremomela                           | <i>Eremomela icteropygialis</i>  |
| Karoo Eremomela                                    | <i>Eremomela gregalis</i>        |
| <b>Sylviid Babblers (Sylviidae)</b>                |                                  |
| Layard's Warbler                                   | <i>Curruca layardi</i>           |
| Chestnut-vented Warbler                            | <i>Curruca subcoerulea</i>       |
| <b>White-eyes (Zosteropidae)</b>                   |                                  |
| Cape White-eye                                     | <i>Zosterops virens</i>          |
| <b>Sugarbirds (Promeropidae)</b>                   |                                  |
| Cape Sugarbird                                     | <i>Promerops cafer</i>           |
| <b>Starlings, Rhabdornis (Sturnidae)</b>           |                                  |
| Common Starling                                    | <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>          |
| Wattled Starling                                   | <i>Creatophora cinerea</i>       |
| Pied Starling                                      | <i>Lamprotornis bicolor</i>      |
| Red-winged Starling                                | <i>Onychognathus morio</i>       |
| Pale-winged Starling                               | <i>Onychognathus nabouroup</i>   |
| <b>Thrushes (Turdidae)</b>                         |                                  |
| Olive Thrush                                       | <i>Turdus olivaceus</i>          |
| Karoo Thrush                                       | <i>Turdus smithi</i>             |
| <b>Chats, Old World Flycatchers (Muscicapidae)</b> |                                  |
| Karoo Scrub Robin                                  | <i>Cercotrichas coryphoeus</i>   |
| Fiscal Flycatcher                                  | <i>Melaenornis silens</i>        |
| African Dusky Flycatcher                           | <i>Muscicapa adusta</i>          |
| Cape Robin-Chat                                    | <i>Cossypha caffra</i>           |
| Cape Rock Thrush                                   | <i>Monticola rupestris</i>       |
| African Stonechat                                  | <i>Saxicola torquatus</i>        |
| Sickle-winged Chat                                 | <i>Emarginata sinuata</i>        |
| Karoo Chat   | <i>Emarginata schlegelii</i>     |
| Tractrac Chat                                      | <i>Emarginata tractrac</i>       |
| Ant-eating Chat                                    | <i>Myrmecocichla formicivora</i> |
| Mountain Wheatear                                  | <i>Myrmecocichla monticola</i>   |
| Capped Wheatear                                    | <i>Oenanthe pileata</i>          |
| Familiar Chat                                      | <i>Oenanthe familiaris</i>       |
| <b>Sunbirds (Nectariniidae)</b>                    |                                  |
| Orange-breasted Sunbird                            | <i>Anthobaphes violacea</i>      |
| Amethyst Sunbird                                   | <i>Chalcomitra amethystina</i>   |

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| Malachite Sunbird                                   | <i>Nectarinia famosa</i>      |
| Southern Double-collared Sunbird                    | <i>Cinnyris chalybeus</i>     |
| Dusky Sunbird                                       | <i>Cinnyris fuscus</i>        |
| <b>Old World Sparrows, Snowfinches (Passeridae)</b> |                               |
| Cape Sparrow  | <i>Passer melanurus</i>       |
| Southern Grey-headed Sparrow                        | <i>Passer diffusus</i>        |
| House Sparrow                                       | <i>Passer domesticus</i>      |
| <b>Weavers, Widowbirds (Ploceidae)</b>              |                               |
| Cape Weaver   | <i>Ploceus capensis</i>       |
| Southern Masked Weaver                              | <i>Ploceus velatus</i>        |
| Southern Red Bishop                                 | <i>Euplectes orix</i>         |
| Yellow Bishop                                       | <i>Euplectes capensis</i>     |
| <b>Waxbills, Munias &amp; Allies (Estrildidae)</b>  |                               |
| Sweet Waxbill                                       | <i>Coccyzygia melanotis</i>   |
| Common Waxbill                                      | <i>Estrilda astrild</i>       |
| <b>Indigobirds, Whydahs (Viduidae)</b>              |                               |
| Pin-tailed Whydah                                   | <i>Vidua macroura</i>         |
| <b>Wagtails, Pipits (Motacillidae)</b>              |                               |
| Cape Wagtail  | <i>Motacilla capensis</i>     |
| Cape Longclaw                                       | <i>Macronyx capensis</i>      |
| African Pipit                                       | <i>Anthus cinnamomeus</i>     |
| Plain-backed Pipit                                  | <i>Anthus leucophrys</i>      |
| <b>Finches, Euphonias (Fringillidae)</b>            |                               |
| Common Chaffinch                                    | <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>      |
| Forest Canary                                       | <i>Crithagra scotops</i>      |
| Cape Siskin   | <i>Crithagra totta</i>        |
| Yellow Canary                                       | <i>Crithagra flaviventris</i> |
| Brimstone Canary                                    | <i>Crithagra sulphurata</i>   |
| Streaky-headed Seedeater                            | <i>Crithagra gularis</i>      |
| White-throated Canary                               | <i>Crithagra albogularis</i>  |
| Cape Canary   | <i>Serinus canicollis</i>     |
| <b>Buntings (Emberizidae)</b>                       |                               |
| Cape Bunting  | <i>Emberiza capensis</i>      |
| <b>Total seen</b>                                   | <b>212</b>                    |
| Total heard only                                    | 1                             |
| Total recorded                                      | 213                           |

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| Common Name  | Scientific Name                     |
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| <b>Mongoose (Herpestidae)</b>                                  |                                     |
| Cape Grey Mongoose   | <i>Herpestes pulverulentus</i>      |
| <b>Bovids (Bovidae)</b>  |                                     |
| Common Eland   | <i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>             |
| Springbok  | <i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>       |
| Bontebok   | <i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i> |
| Klipspringer   | <i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>        |
| Steenbok   | <i>Raphicerus campestris</i>        |
| <b>Hyraxes (Procaviidae)</b>                                   |                                     |
| Rock Hyrax   | <i>Procavia capensis</i>            |
| <b>Old World Monkeys (Cercopithecidae)</b>                     |                                     |
| Chacma Baboon  | <i>Papio ursinus</i>                |
| <b>Rabbits and Hares (Leporidae)</b>                           |                                     |
| Scrub Hare   | <i>Lepus saxatilis</i>              |
| <b>Squirrels, Chipmunks, Marmots, Prairie Dogs (Sciuridae)</b> |                                     |
| Eastern Grey Squirrel  | <i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>         |
| <b>Oceanic Dolphins (Delphinidae)</b>                          |                                     |
| (Long-beaked) Common Dolphin                                   | <i>Delphinus delphis</i>            |
| <b>Eared Seals (Otariidae)</b>                                 |                                     |
| Afro-Australian Fur Seal                                       | <i>Arctocephalus pusillus</i>       |
| <b>Total seen</b>  | <b>12</b>                           |

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| Common Name                                       | Scientific Name       |
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| <b>Girdled Lizards and Relatives (Cordylidae)</b> |                       |
| Black Girdled Lizard                              | <i>Cordylus niger</i> |

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| <b>Agamas (Agamidae)</b> |                   |
| Southern Rock Agama      | <i>Agama atra</i> |
| <b>Total seen</b>        | <b>2</b>          |